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BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE DISCUSSES US PARTICIPATION IN THE
NMPA MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE (MSC) AND THE USE OF THE
UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER IN THE MODERNIZED NMPA (ATLANTIC II).
ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR US MEMBER NMPA STEERING COMMITTEE
(NMPASC) FOR MEETING SCHEDULED 9-10 MAY 1973 IN PARIS. END SUMMARY.

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1. CONCUR MODUS OPERANDI REFERENCE A. US MEMBER NMPASC (CAPTAIN
CHISUM/ USNATO) HAS CONTACTED APPROPRIATE OFFICES MAAG BONN AND
THE HAGUE TO ENSURE MUTUAL APPRECIATION OF GUIDANCE PROMULGATED
THEREIN.

2. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE (MSC) IS SCHEDULED FOR 9 MAY 1973 IN PARIS. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE NMPASC IS SCHEDULED FOR 10 MAY 1973 IN PARIS. US MEMBER OF NMPASC AND COMMANDER DOWE FROM ONR, LONDON (SEE PARAGRAPH 3 REFERENCE B AND REFERENCE C) WILL ATTEND NMPASC. SEE PARAGRAPH 5 THIS MESSAGE ABOUT US REPRESENTATION AT MSC MEETING.

3. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (FRG) MEMBER NMPASC (MOEHLANN) ADVISED US MEMBER NMPASC 3 MAY THAT UNLESS TWO CONDITIONS ARE MET THE FRG WOULD BE FORCED TO VOTE AGAINST UNIVAC PARTICIPATION IN THE ATLANTIC II PROGRAM AT THE MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE MEETING IN PARIS ON 9 MAY 1973. THE TWO CONDITIONS ARE:

A. THAT THE US GIVE A CLEAR- CUT AND UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT THAT THE UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER CAN BE LICENSED FOR MANUFACTURE IN GERMANY WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

B. THAT THE US STATE THAT RESALE OF THE UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER, INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF NATO, WILL BE GRANTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES (LIST EXCEPTIONS).

4. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE FRG MEMBER NMPASC THAT US STATEMENTS TO DATE, WHICH REFLECT GUIDANCE OF REFERENCE D ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO SUPPORT A FRG VOTE FOR UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER IN THE FACE OF FRENCH OPPOSITION. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE FRG ARE THE CAVEATS OF THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 1 AND PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFERENCE D. ANTICIPATE THAT A SHOW- DOWN VOTE TO CHOOSE EITHER THE FRENCH OR US COMPUTER WILL BE CALLED FOR BY THE FRENCH CHAIRMAN OF THE MSC (VADM BLOCH) AT THE 9 MAY MEETING OF THE MSC.

5. ON 3 MAY 1973 US MEMBER NMPASC TELEPHONED TO THE CHAIRMAN MSC (VADM VLOCH) TO INQUIRE ABOUT US PARTICIPATION IN MSC 9 MAY AND TO REQUEST HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF UNIVAC MPC 1616 SITUATION. RESULTS OF THIS CONVERSATION ARE:

A. HE SEES NO NEED FOR US TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MSC MEETING SINCE US CAN MOST PROBABLY NOT PROVIDE UNEQUIVOCAL GUARANTEE THAT THE UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER CAN BE LICENSED FOR EUROPEAN
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MANUFACTURE. IN ADDITION, THE REQUIREMENT THAT THIRD COUNTRY SALES BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE- BY- CASE BASIS (SEE LAST SENTENCE PARAGRAPH (1) REFERENCE D) IS STILL UNACCEPTABLE TO HIM. HE REQUIRES A GUARANTEE OF FREE SALE TO QUOTE ALL COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF THE IRON CURTAIN UNQUOTE.

B. HE STATED THAT NO US ASSISTANCE WAS NECESSARY IN THE MSC TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT SITUATION REQUIRING THE CHOICE BETWEEN UNIVAC MPC 1616 COMPUTER OR A EUROPEAN PRODUCED FRENCH COMPUTER FOR USE IN THE ATLANTIC II. HE REFUSED THE REQUEST MADE BY THE US MEMBER NMPASC TO ATTEND THE MSC MEETING SCHEDULED 9 MAY 1973.

C. HE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF COMPUTER SOFT- WARE FOR USE WITH THE UNIVAC MPC 1616 IN THE ATLANTIC II ROLE, AND WHETHER OR NOT THE US WOULD PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON

THIRD- COUNTRY SALES OF THE INTELLIGENCE SENSITIVE SOFT- WARE DEVELOPED FOR THIS USE. HE SHIES AWAY FROM ALLOWING THE ATLANTIC II TO BECOME SHACKLED TO A US COMPUTER WITH US SOFT- WARE, CLAIMING THAT HE EXPECTS FREQUENT AND EXPENSIVE SOFT- WARE CHANGES WHICH WOULD BE INTOLERABLE FOR THE EUROPEANS IN THE ATLANTIC II PROGRAM. IN THIS CONNECTION HE ALLUDED ALSO TO THE ATLANTIC I/ JEZEBEL/ BRAZIL SITUATION OF LATE 1971 IN WHICH US REFUSED TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ATLANTIC I WITH JEZEBEL INSTALLED TO BRAZIL. REFERENCES E, F, AND G ARE GERMANE.

6. USNATO COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION. IT IS PROBABLE THAT UNIVAC REQUEST FOR LICENSING AGREEMENT TO MANUFACTURE THE MPC 1616 COMPUTER IN GERMANY FOR USE IN ATLANTIC II WILL COME TOO LATE TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON 9 MAY MEETING OF MSC. IT IS ALSO PROBABLE THAT VADM BLOCH WILL CAPITALIZE ON THIS SITUATION TO CALL FOR A SHOW- DOWN VOTE ON THE CHOICE OF A COMPUTER FOR ATLANTIC II AT THIS MEETING. US WILL NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE. BASED ON RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE, PLAN FOR US MEMBER NMPASC TO CONTACT DUTCH AND FRG MEMBERS OF MSC BY TELEPHONE ON 8 MAY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ORAL SUMMARY OF CURRENT US POSITION. IF THIS POSITION CAN BE MADE SUFFICIENTLY STRONG THEY MAY ATTEMPT TO STALL COMPUTER CHOICE FOR ANOTHER MONTH, PENDING COMPLETION OF UNIVAC ACTION.

7. ACTION REQUIRED. IN VIEW OF WHAT AMOUNTS TO ULTIMATA REFLECTED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 5 OF THIS MESSAGE, REQUEST CONFIRM THAT REFERENCE D AMPLIFIED BY REFERENCE A IS FINAL US POSITION. IF NOT, REQUEST THAT GUIDANCE RELATIVE TO FINAL POSITION BE PROVIDED. IF SUFFICIENTLY STRONG CASE CAN BE MADE, US MEMBER
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NMPASC WILL MAKE ADDITIONAL OVERTURES TO ATTEND MSC MEETING 9 MAY BASED ON NEW GUIDANCE. IN ANY CASE CONTACT CAN, IF DESIRED, BE MADE WITH DUTCH AND FRG MEMBERS MSC TO PASS ON MOST CURRENT US POSITION. IN ADDITION, REQUEST COMMENT RELATIVE TO SUBJECT OF SOFT- WARE DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPH 5 C OF THIS MESSAGE.

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